

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1271

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Bradley Central High School Wrestling team on their outstanding 2003-2004 season.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletes and teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding team that attained remarkable success during the 2003-2004 season is the Bradley Central High School Wrestling team, a program which is renowned for its perennial nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive excellence; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003-2004 season this program has experienced much success and attained a degree of excellence paralleled by few as these young men have finished the season with a remarkable record of 27-1, extending the home winning streak to 10 years; and

WHEREAS, triumphing on the local and State levels as well as in numerous other tournaments throughout the Nation, the Bradley Central Bears dominated over their opponents in duals competitions capturing the Region 3 Duals Championship, the Cleveland Duals Championship, the State Duals Championship, and finishing as Runner-Up in the Virginia Duals competition; and

WHEREAS, also prevailing in traditional competition, the Bears overpowered their competitors in the Bradley Invitational, Huntsville Invitational, the Region 3, and State Traditional tournaments securing the Championship title in each tournament; and

WHEREAS, each member of the team contributed his skills and talents to the great benefit of the team as a whole; the Bradley Central wrestlers are Freshmen, Tanner Johnson,



Travis Creagan, and Justin Spain; Juniors, Ryan Ensminger and Shawn Grady; and Seniors, Blake Tinsley, Shawn Cordell, Jake West, Jesse Baker, Matt Spain, Quinn Gibson, Bryant Blackmon, Josh Cooper, and Matt Bailey; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the remarkable team accomplishments of the Bradley Central Wrestling team, Travis Creagan won 3rd Place at the State Tournament; Blake Tinsley, a two time State placewinner, has been named a High School All-American and won 3rd Place at Senior Nationals; Shawn Cordell, a four time State Finalist and a three time State Champion, achieved an outstanding 42-0 record as a Senior; Jake West, a four time State placewinner, won the State Championship; Jesse Baker won 6th Place at the State Tournament; Quinn Gibson, a four time State Finalist and a three time State Champion, has achieved 99 straight wins; Bryant Blackmon, a two time State Finalist, won the State Championship; Josh Cooper is a two time State placewinner; and Matt Bailey also won the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the many successes of the Bradley Central Wrestling team were achieved through the hard work, dedication, perseverance, and determination of the team's members and coaches, and these individuals deserve special recognition for their achievements; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding athletes enjoyed the support of the administration, faculty, and staff of Bradley Central High School, their families, many fans, and their community; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Bears exhibited characteristics that bode well for their future success, whether in the realm of athletics, in the classroom, or in any other endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Bradley Central Wrestling team for their many triumphs in their quest for athletic excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the coaches and members of the Bradley Central Wrestling team on their outstanding 2003-2004 season and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.